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Letter dated 17 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to refer to the letter dated 29 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, which was circulated as General Assembly document A/56/515, in which the Government of the Argentine Republic announced its rejection of the "White Paper on Partnership for Peace and Prosperity: Britain and the Overseas Territories".

The Government of the United Kingdom rejects the above-mentioned letter. The United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. The White Paper does not alter the status of those territories.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a General Assembly document under agenda item 45.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**

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